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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Carlos Ortiz-Rodriguez	2125	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 July 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 7-11 and 14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 5-6, 12 and 13 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
| Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>7/06/04</u> . | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claim 1 objected to because of the following informalities: The term "OLE_LINK1" seems to be a typographical error, and should be deleted from the claim. Appropriate correction is required.
2. Claims 5 and 12 objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.
3. Claims 6 and 13 would also be allowable due to their dependency to claim 5 and 12, respectively.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1-4, 7-11 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) as being anticipated by Leonard et al. U.S. Patent No. 3,826,904.

Regarding claims 1, 4, 8, 11 and 14, Leonard et al. discloses blending a plurality of components to produce a product having a plurality of target properties, each of said plurality of components impacting one or more of said plurality of target properties when blended (Figure 1 and C2 L23-44), wherein a first component comprised in said plurality of components being scheduled to be available only at a time instance during blending (C6 L26-50), said method comprising: receiving in a digital processing system data indicating said plurality of target properties (C7 L8-27), the manner in which each of said plurality of components impacts any of said plurality of target properties, an aggregate volume of said product to be produced (C3 L1-30); determining in said digital processing system an intermediate blend point at or after said time instance such that a corresponding intermediate properties combination can be attained at said intermediate blend point and said plurality of target properties can be attained from said intermediate blend point; and controlling flow rates of each of said plurality of components to attain said intermediate properties combination before said first component becomes available, and to attain said plurality of target properties from said intermediate properties combination after said first component becomes available, whereby said product of said aggregate volume is generated by blending said plurality of components (C4 L63-69, C5 L1-15, C6 L17-26 and C11 L50-63).

Regarding claims 2 and 9, Leonard et al. discloses wherein said determining determines said intermediate blend point to meet a desired criteria (C5 L1-15).

Regarding claims 3 and 10, Leonard et al. discloses wherein said desired criteria comprises minimizing total cost of said plurality of components blended to produce said product (Abstract).

Regarding claims 7, Leonard et al. discloses wherein said method is performed in an oil refinery (Abstract).

Citation of Pertinent Prior Art

6. Applicant is respectfully requested to fully consider all the references, in entirety, that appear on the attached list (Form PTO-892). These references disclose subject matter similar to that of applicant's disclosure and may be relied on in a future response to Applicant's remarks or amendments.

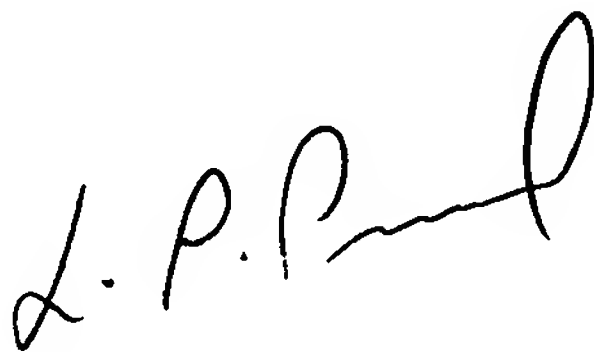
Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Carlos Ortiz-Rodriguez whose telephone number is 571-272-3766.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Leo Picard can be reached on 571-272-3749. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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